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ECONOMIC

POSTAL SERVICE BEING DECENTRALIZED IN SERBIA -- Belgrade, Borba,
18 Jun 60, p 5

CPYRGHT

Despite opinion that the postal service is public in nature and therefore should remain consolidated, the Serbian PTT (postal-telegraph-telephone) communications enterprises will be decentralized, with the aim of strengthening the organs of self-management in the primary units of this service. According to the director of the Enterprise for PTT Communications in Belgrade, further development of the PTT service depends on the modernization of telecommunications which are based on a system of networks. The networks in the Belgrade enterprise, which includes Serbia proper and Belgrade, coincide with the present territorial areas of the srezes. The workers council of the enterprise has organized new primary units which will be located in the headquarters of the srez people's councils. These units will independently handle personnel matters, net income distribution, and other questions. The 22 new primary units in the jurisdiction of the Belgrade enterprise will develop into enterprises; Belgrade itself will have ten of these units.

[Comment: The principle of self-management is being even more widely implemented since the recent adoption of the system of remuneration according to output which can be more easily calculated in smaller producing units.]

EAST GERMANY SIGNS AGREEMENTS WITH BELGIAN STEEL MILLS, PURCHASES
BELGIAN FREIGHTERS -- Munich, Deutsche Woche, 8 Jun 60

CPYRGHT

Belgium's leading steel mills recently signed long-term agreements with the GDR, primarily for the delivery of rolling mill products, following discussions held in Brussels with East German Deputy Minister Julius Balkow, who was invited by the Association of Metallurgical Manufacturers (Federation des Entreprises de l'Industrie des Fabrications Metalliques). The East German minister also signed an agreement for the purchase of two Belgian freighters especially suited for the transport of bananas.

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SOCIOLOGICAL

LANGUAGE REFORM RECOMMENDED IN NORTH VIETNAM -- Hanoi, Nghien Cuu
Van Hoc, May 60

CPYRGHT

Hoang Phe, in an article written for the official organ of the Literary Institute of the State Science Commission, recommended that the North Vietnam government take steps to simplify the national written language, adding that President Ho Chi Minh has long advocated this move. Hoang Phe pointed out that the spoken language has undergone many changes, but that the written language has not kept pace. For this reason and because a simplification of the written language would facilitate the translation of foreign documents, especially scientific documents, he proposed that certain letters be changed, illogical letters and syllables be dropped, and double diacritical marks be eliminated.

[Comment: Although this is not the first time this suggestion has been made, it may be significant that an article of considerable length appeared in the official journal of the Literary Institute of the State Science Commission.]

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL

RADIO-RELAY STATION AND TELEVISION TOWER ON MOUNT BOTEV, BULGARIA --
Sofia, Narodna Armiya, 11 Jun 60

CPYRGHT

A radio-relay station is being constructed and preparations are being made for constructing a television tower on top of Mount Botev. The radio-relay station, now being plastered on the inside by workers from a Labor Service podelenie, will soon be ready for use. Construction on the television tower is to begin soon, and when completed, about half of the Bulgarian population will be within range of television from Sofia or Bucharest.

[Comment: Article is accompanied by an artist's conception of the radio-relay station showing a three-story masonry-type building mounting 11 parabolic antennas in two tiers and one large horn antenna.]

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